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Dear Developer or Land Owner:

On May 3, 2007, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law the Public Safety and Offender Rehabilitation Services Act of 2007 (the Act), a historic plan for prison and offender reentry reform. The Act represents a major shift in the California correctional system and provides for the largest prison capital outlay program in decades. Among the provisions is the authorized funding for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR or Department) to site and construct 16,000 beds in Secure Community Reentry Facilities (SCRF).

The enclosed Request for Interest (RFI) invites private parties to participate in this opportunity to site and construct SCRFs subject to an invitation by the local government and full entitlements. This includes the possibility of planning and funding efforts of siting and constructing the new SCRFs. In order to respond to this RFI, interested parties are required to provide a site assessment in accordance with the site comparison matrix that you will find as an attachment to the RFI, and address environmental concerns that you will also find as an attachment to the RFI. Once CDCR receives, reviews, and prioritizes the responses to the RFI, the Department will determine whether or not to proceed with developing a formal Request for Proposal and Bid for the purpose of negotiating with the property owner or their representative.

Representatives of private entities are asked to contact Dwight Weathers, Deputy Director, Acquisitions and Dispositions Branch, at 916-255-1107 should additional information be needed or if there are questions to discuss siting interests and efforts.

Additional information regarding questions and answers, rehabilitation programs and policy updates are available at: <http://www.cdcr.ca.gov>, at the Prison Reform and Secure Community Reentry tabs.

Sincerely,

Original signed by James E. Tilton

JAMES E. TILTON

Secretary

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